

NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

DESCRIPTION OF CLINICAL CLERKSHIP

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SURGERY  
CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY DIVISION

**DURATION:** Four weeks

**EXPERIENCE:** Clinical clerks will be assigned to the Thoracic surgery service which performs 225 open cardiac cases as well as 25 pediatric cardiac cases per year. In addition, the full spectrum of general thoracic cases is performed at Naval Medical Center, San Diego.

Clerks will be assigned responsibility according to their abilities. They will be expected to present brief presentation within the discipline based on patients that they have been assigned on the service.

The clerks will be able to participate in all facets of patient care from the outpatient clinic, through the operating room and inpatient care. Teaching rounds, pre-operative conference and formal didactic sessions are held weekly to help the students and residents learn the fundamentals of cardiac and non-cardiac thoracic surgery.